

Remarks

The Office action mailed April 15, 2005, has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 31-36 were rejected for alleged obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 and 14-24 of commonly-owned U.S Patent No. 6,869,588 ("the '588 patent") and claims 1-15 of commonly-owned U.S. Patent No. 6,417,247 ("the '247 patent"). Enclosed herewith is a terminal disclaimer regarding the '588 patent and the '247 patent. The terminal disclaimer overcomes the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 31-36 based on the '588 patent and the '247 patent.

It is respectfully submitted that the present claims are in condition for allowance. Should there be any questions regarding this application, Examiner Mullis is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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